

REMARKS

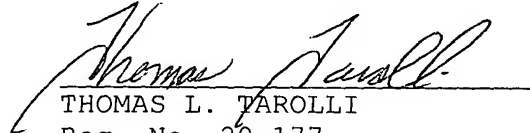
Examination of the above-identified application in view of the present preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Claim 16 remains in this application. Claims 1-15 have been canceled.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this matter to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas L. Tarolli", is written over a horizontal line.

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